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**For:** WATCHDOG TIMER AND METHOD    **Dated:** December 20, 2001  
FOR DETECTING ABNORMAL OPERATION  
OF COMPUTER, AND COMPUTER INCLUDING THE TIMER



Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby claims the right of priority in connection with Title 35 U.S.C. § 119 and in support thereof, will submit in due course a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-390716 (390716/2000), dated December 22, 2000.

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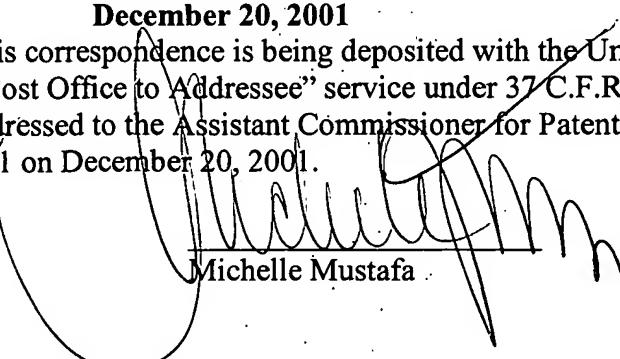
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